

torious sports persons in Group 'C' and Group 'D' posts are applicable not only to the Departments of the Government but also to their attached, subordinate offices and various field formations. Powers of appointments to these posts vest in the delegated authorities in these organisations. no information/data is centrally available in regard to the appointments made during the last three years.

Energy for Rural Requirements

5600. SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the recommendations made by the Advisory Board on Energy for rural requirements in the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) the manner in which afforestation plans have been coordinated with rural fuel requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Cost of Sonepur Bazari Project

5601. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the revised estimated cost of Sonepur Bazari Coal Project now as compared to its original estimated cost;

(b) whether the Project is viable with the revised estimated cost;

(c) the opinion of the World Bank in

regard to viability due to cost escalation; and

(d) the time by which the project is proposed to start supplying power grade coal to linked thermal power station?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOURA): (a) to (c). As compared to the sanctioned cost of Rs. 192.96 crores for Sonepur Bazari OCP of ECL the tentative cost according to the Revised Cost Estimates prepared is Rs. 453.91 crores (1991 prices). The economics calculated in the Revised Cost Estimates indicates that the project is economically viable. The World Bank has indicated that the economic and financial viability Would need to be reviewed by them for which action has been initiated.

(d) Coal supply from Sonepur Bazari project is linked to Bakreshwar TPS (3 x 210 MW). As indicated by Central Electricity Authority, the first unit of Bakreshwar TPS is expected to be commissioned in 1995-96. The coal requirement of this unit would be supplied from Sonepur Bazari project.

Urban Poverty Alleviation Programmes

5602. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any evaluation of the urban poverty alleviation programmes has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated urban slum population in the country by the end of 1991; and

(d) the percentage of urban population living below the poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The main urban poverty alleviation programme of this Ministry is called the Nehru Rozgar Yojana which was launched in October, 1989. The Yojana has three schemes viz (i) Scheme of Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME); (ii) Scheme of Urban Wage Employment (SUWE); and (iii) Scheme of Housing & Shelter Upgradation (SHASU). The progress of the Yojana with regard to its implementation by the States/UTs. is monitored States/UTs, a subsidy to the tune of Rs. 5.89 crores has been sanctioned to the beneficiaries under SUME. Under the training component of this scheme, about 48,500 persons have been trained/ are under-going training. Under SUWE the States/UTs. have reported expenditure of Rs. 110.42 crores as a consequence of which about 197.60 lakh mandays of work has been generated. Under SHASU, the housing and Urban Development Corporation has sanctioned subsidy and loans worth Rs. 52.64 crores and Rs. 204.33 crores respectively involving upgradation of 6,58,072 dwelling units.

In addition, under the scheme of Urban Basic services/Urban Basic Services for the Poor social amenities such as immunization, mother and child health care, pre-school education and assistance to the needy are provided in low income neighborhoods. During 1991-92 Central funds to the tune of Rs. 2 crores and Rs. 20.85 crores have been released to the States/UTs under UBS and UBSP respectively.

(c) According to the estimates made by the Town & Country Planning Organisation of the Ministry, the slum population was projected to be 512,28 lakhs in 1990.

(d) According to the estimate made by the Planning Commission, the percentage of

urban population living below the poverty line in 1987-88 was 20.1%.

Water Supply Facilities

5603. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the urban population covered with the water supply and sanitation facilities during 1981-1991 as a part of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade; and

(b) The total expenditure incurred in the State sector and the Central sector respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) As per the information furnished by the State Governments and Union Territories, the percentage of the urban population covered with water supply and sanitation facilities at the beginning of the decade, that is in the year 1981 was 77.8% and 27% respectively. The corresponding coverage as on 31.12.90 was 83.81% and 46.76%.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Digging of Wells in Rajasthan

5604. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan has asked for Central assistance for digging 2 lakh wells during the coming five years;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned to Ra-